(b) if so, what are the facilities offered; and

(c) whether Air India has any surplus capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air India have offered facilities for Jet-Engine overhaul of the types for which they have facilities, i.e. Pratt and Whitney and General Electric engines.

(c) Air India have no surplus capacity at present. However, it is possible to augment capacity for jet engine overhauling if long-term commitments are forthcoming.

Improvement of the Civil Aviation

1460. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to invest Rs. 2000 crore for improvement of Civil Aviation in the country;

(b) if so, what is the break up of the items on which Government would spend the said amount; and

(c) to what extent the increase in aircraft and modernisation of airports would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) There is no specific proposal as such for investing a sum of Rs. 2000 crores in the civil aviation sector.

Visit of a Conservationist of U.K. to India

1461 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether a noted conservationist of U.K. recently visited a number of historical places and monuments in our country and emphasised the urgent need to conserve the monuments in a scientific way;

(b) if so, what are the details of the suggetions made by him for the restoration of ancient monuments;

(c) whether the said conservationist also suggested that the Army must move out of the Red Fort in Delhi before taking any further action; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and what steps are proposed to be taken on the recommendations made by the said conservationist?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Sir Bernard M. Feilden has recently visited a number of places in India at the behest of INTACH. No specific recommendations regarding the conservation of monuments visited by him have been made. However, he had given "Some thoughts on Archaeological Survey of India." Of these, some are contrary to the existing laws governing the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and others are too general in nature emphasizing beautification of sites, employment of retired experts and development of tourism, etc.

(b) There are no suggestions in respect of restoration of ancient monuments.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The suggestion, however is not a novel one. The vacation of the Red Fort by the Army is already being implemented in the light of the decision taken about ten years ago and the South-Eastern parts of the fortification wall and Delhi Gate-Complex have been handed over to the Archaeological Survey of India as part of the phased programme.